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B-Kharab classification of MUDA-allotted sites dropped

Property owners of Siddartha, JC, KC and Income Tax Layouts can get land records from Aug.3, says MLA Ramdas

Mysuru, Aug.1 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that the Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 and Alanahalli Survey No.41 (Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru Taluk) land row has finally ended with the Urban Development Department writing to MUDA Commissioner on July 28, 2020 to drop B-Kharab classification of 354.29½ acres of land coming under the two survey numbers, on which the CITB and MUDA had formed Siddarthanagar, J.C. Nagar, K.C. Nagar and Income Tax Layouts, K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas, under whose Constituency these Layouts come, said that the property owners in these layouts can now get the necessary land records from Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) from Aug. 3, 2020, thus bringing good news to the aggrieved residents.

MLA S.A. Ramdas addressing a press meet at Patrakartara Bhavan in city this morning.

Announcing this at a press meet at Patrakartara Bhavan here this morning, Ramdas said that the long wait, anxiety and concerns of the property owners in the four Layouts has ended as they can now get land records such as Title Deed, Khata Registration, Plan Sanction and CR from the MCC starting from Monday (Aug. 3).

The MLA further said that the residents of these localities can call his office (Ph: 0821-2484444) for any clarifications and directions.

Corporators Chayadevi and Roopa, leaders Balakrishna and Vadivelu and others were present at the press meet.

Six city students in Smart India Hackathon

PM Modi to interact with finalists today

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (BCT)- A group of six students from city has entered the Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon-2020, a nationwide initiative to provide students platform to solve some of the problems we face in our daily lives. The intention of the Hackathon is to inculcate a culture of product innovation and a mindset of problem solving.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with the finalists of Smart India via video conferencing from 4.30 pm today. This time, the Hackathon will focus on post COVID world and creating ways for Aatma Nirbhar Bharat. The Hackathon has proved to be extremely successful in promoting out-of-the-box thinking in young minds.

The six students who are participating in the Hackathon from Mysuru are from Mysore College of Engineering and Management and they are putting forward their ideas to Ministry of Women and Child Development. The team is called HACK ELITES and is led by Umme Sufiya. Other members of the team are I.K. Yeshwanth, Priya M. Dolli, S. Sharath, Samia Shoukath Khan and Afreen Khanum from the Computer Science and Information Science Department.

(See HACKATHON on page 7)

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A low-key Bakrid in city amid COVID-19 pandemic

Mysuru, Aug.1 (RK&DM)- The Muslim brethren in city today celebrated Bakrid amid the COVID-19 pandemic, adhering to the strict health protocols laid down by the Government. The community members offered prayers at Masjids and at their homes.

The District Administration has allowed prayers only in mosques, that too with a maximum of 50 people at a time. Mass prayers at Eidgah and other places were prohibited. Muslim brethren in limited numbers offered Namaz at all Masjids in the city by wearing face masks and maintaining social distancing. Temperature of people entering Masjids was also checked with thermometer gun, as a precautionary measure.

Children aged below 10 years and persons aged over 60 years were not allowed entry in keeping with the guidelines. While some Masjids held Namaz for attendees in two batches, others in a single batch. The prayers began at 6.30 am, with Muslim brethren offering Namaz.

Namaz was held at all Mosques in the city including Masjid-E-Azam on Ashoka Road, Yallah Masjid opposite the Northern Gate of Government Guest House on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, Masjid near Fountain Circle on Bengaluru Road, Quba Masjid in Udayagiri, Quasim Masjid in Muneshwaranagar, Zakaria Masjid in Rajivnagar, Yaseen Masjid near Narayana Multi-Speciality Hospital on Ring Road, Bilal Masjid in Udayagiri an Bharatnagar Masjid. All the community members were required to bring their own prayer mats.

The Muslim brethren celebrated the day with enthusiasm, exchanging greetings from a distance and distributing sweets and gifts in their neighbourhood. They donned new clothes and offered prayers.

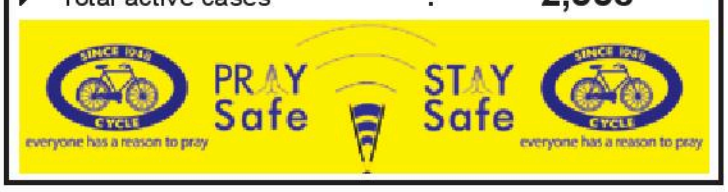
"We have ensured all arrangements here. In fact, we have ensured a safe environment in several big and small mosques on this occasion. Namaz was offered at 6:05 am," said a Moulvi in Rajivnagar.

"I feel really good to be here on Bakrid. Everyone followed lockdown norms and Muslims had earlier offered Namaz at their homes, they followed all the rules and regulations," a community member said in Udayagiri.

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	204
Total POSITIVE cases	:	4,217
Discharges yesterday	:	302
Total discharges	:	1,517
Deaths yesterday	:	5
Total deaths	:	142
Total active cases	:	2,558



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Saturday 1st August 2020

Revised timings of Aadhaar Seva Kendras

Mysuru, Aug. 1- As the Sunday curfew has been lifted by the district administration, the Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASKs) at Vijayanagar and Saraswathipuram in Mysuru will be open on all days including Sundays, with immediate effect. The timings will be from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm on all days. Citizens may book their online appointments accordingly.

Wearing of mask and physical distancing must be strictly followed and original documents must be produced during update or enrolment for Aadhaar card, according to a press release from Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (Retd.), Centre Manager, ASKs Vijayanagar and Saraswathipuram, Mysuru. He can be contacted on Ph: 0821-4000022 or Mob:76075-15716.

New in-charge for AAP Karnataka

Mysuru, Aug. 1- After the spectacular electoral win in Delhi, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) now strives to make an impact at the National-level and has started restructuring its State Units. In this backdrop, AAP's Committee on National Affairs, has appointed Kapil Bhardwaj, the party's trusted youth leader and election strategist as Karnataka's new in-charge.

Kapil Bhardwaj

Kapil Bhardwaj completed his education in USA and worked in a few Multinational Companies and then set up his own business. In the run-up to the 2015 Vidhana Sabha elections, he was campaign manager as well as in-charge of booth management. He was also a key member of the election think-tank for the 2017 Punjab elections and Delhi MCD elections. He held similar responsibilities for the Delhi Legislative Assembly election in February.

AAP Karnataka Convener Prithvi Reddy has welcomed this appointment and emphasised the need to replicate Delhi's citizen-friendly model of governance in Karnataka too.

On his appointment, Kapil Bhardwaj tweeted in Kannada and expressed his gratitude for being given this responsibility. Speaking to party workers, he highlighted the failure of BJP Government in managing COVID crisis and expressed confidence that AAP will win the BBMP elections this time.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The coming phase of unlocking must prepare the country for complete opening. For that, first of all, testing should be unlocked and made available on demand as close to home as possible. For those infected to not step out of home is a far superior measure in preventing spread, compared to inadequate mask usage. With most cases turning out to be asymptomatic, wider and cheaper availability of testing must be a thrust area for the Government now. Easy, early diagnosis of infections, even when asymptomatic, will go a long way in containment. Second, real time epidemiological data should be unlocked. Just as weather data is freely available, and allows for cropping practice readjustments, disaggregated real time data enables micro-planning and localised behavioural response. Even official death counts do not match with the numbers available with other sources. There must be efforts to harvest accurate data, and with ease of availability. Normalcy, albeit a new one, could be reached faster with the right efforts.

—In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man forced to pay bank loan he did not take

Moscow: A Russian man is taking a bank to Court for forcing him to pay interest on a loan he never took, after fraudsters used his stolen smartphone to take out the pre-approved loan in his name.

Vladimir Volokhovich, from Moscow, has been making news headlines in his home country of Russia after finding himself right in the middle of an unusual scandal. Volokhovich is being asked by the Russian branch of Alpha Bank to pay up a pre-approved loan taken up by fraudsters in his name, using his stolen mobile phone. Not only did the scammers manage to transfer part of the funds to their accounts, but the interest on the loan Vladimir never asked for is adding up every day. The bank, however, refuses to cancel the loan, claiming that Vladimir should have reported his smartphone as stolen sooner.

Belgian woman who temporarily thought she was a chicken

Belgium: Doctors at KU Leuven University in Belgium recently reported the bizarre case of a 54-year-old woman who was convinced she was a chicken and temporarily behaved like one.

The married woman, whose name was not revealed, reportedly had a stable job at a pharmacy and had no history of drug or alcohol abuse before the strange episode. One day, her brother stopped by and found her clucking, blowing her cheeks and crowing like a rooster. Not knowing what to do, the woman's brother took her to a nearby hospital, where the 54-year-old told doctors she thought she was a chicken and described feeling a new sensation in her legs.

The sudden episode of zoanthropy – a mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal – ended when the woman suffered a seizure.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What are natural ways to reverse sagging skin?

Look for anti-aging products that contain DMAE, which has been shown to not only tighten and firm skin, but tone facial muscles. Ubiquinone is another ingredient to look for in anti-aging creams. It boosts collagen production, helping skin to look younger and healthier.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Online training in teaching Hindi and Linguistics from Aug. 17 to 21

Assistant Professors, Lecturers, Teachers and Research Scholars can attend

Mysuru Aug. 1- National Testing Service-India (NTS-I) of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Manasagangothri, Mysuru, is organising a five-day online training-cum-workshop on Testing and Evaluation for Assistant Professors, Lecturers, Teachers (Higher Secondary and PUC) and Research Scholars from all over India who are engaged in the teaching of Hindi Language & Literature, and Linguistics. The workshop will be held from Aug. 17 to 21.

The purpose of the programme is to provide the stakeholders with the training in the area of testing and evaluation so that they themselves can identify the defects in the syllabus, textbooks, methods of teaching, etc., and can make appropriate modifications/changes and thereby making the teaching learning process more effective.

Assistant Professors, Lecturers, Teachers and Research Scholars are eligible to participate in this training programme. Personnel working in government institutions will be given preference. Full attendance, completion and inputting of targeted question items, and active participation in the programme is essential to become eligible for certificate and honorarium.

Those who are willing to attend the online training can apply through online by clicking the link *http://ciil-ntsindia.net/Announcements_NTS.aspx & "Online Registration"* link. Last date for applying is Aug. 12 by 11.30 am.

The candidates who had already attended this workshop previously are not eligible to apply. For details contact Coordinators Dr. Biresh Kumar (Mob: 99163-36696) or Dr. Sanjay Prasad Srivastava (Mob: 99869-61281) or Dr. M. Narayana Reddy (Mob: 94804-05650), according to a press release from P. R. Dharmesh Fernandez, Deputy Director, CIIL & Head, NTS-India.

Really...?

- ***Japan has strawberries called the "Scent of First Love" that are completely white inside and out with red seeds.***
- ***The University of California at Davis is one of the largest breeders and patent holders of strawberry varieties in the world.***
- ***The "seeds" you see on the outside of a strawberry are actually the plant's ovaries and are called "achenes." Each "seed" is technically a separate fruit that has a seed inside of it.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A government official was arrested for accepting bribe from a contractor.
A friend, who went to visit him in the lock-up asked, *"How are you going to get out of this mess?"*
The official replied calmly, *"I got into trouble for accepting bribe, I will get out of it by giving it !!"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.75
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.09
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.35
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.25

VOICE OF THE READER

Plea to complete road work in Yadavagiri

Sir,

This is to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned regarding the half-done road work in Yadavagiri. It has been one month now and still it is incomplete.

The exact location is at 2nd Main, 8th 'A' Cross, Yadavagiri near Gujarati Samaj.

On behalf of the residents, I request the authorities to expedite and complete the road work on time as there is a lot of vehicular movement on the stretch. Also the new gravel is loose and all vehicles do skid often which could lead to someone getting hurt.

— An Aggrieved Resident
Yadavagiri
30.7.2020

Sumalatha performs special puja at Nimishamba temple

Srirangapatna, Aug.1 - Days after recovering from COVID-19, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish performed special puja at Nimishamba temple in Srirangapatna yesterday. Sumalatha, who chose to visit the temple on Varamahalakshmi festival day, took part in Chandika homa performed by a team of priests led by Sooryanarayan Bhat.

Coming out of the temple, Sumalatha said that she has prayed the deity seeking recovery of all COVID-19 infected and also to make the country free of the deadly Coronavirus.

She was accompanied by Actor and Producer Rockline Venkatesh, who too has recovered from the virus, veteran actor Doddanna, Youth leader Darshan Lingaraju and others.

Karnataka to implement National Education Policy from this month: Minister

Bengaluru, Aug. 1 (UNI)- Karnataka will strive to implement the new National Education Policy (NEP) from August itself, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar said yesterday.

The Minister was in conversation — through a video conference — with the Draft National Education Policy Committee head Dr. K. Kasturirangan where Suresh Kumar told him that the State has also formulated its draft education policy which will be merged with the NEP.

The Minister has already consulted officials on the implementation of NEP, and said a blueprint that suits the requirements of the State will be brought out soon.

"Through quality education to all, the new policy will create a lively and stable society. Karnataka is eager to implement this policy," Suresh Kumar said during the conference. "Within a fortnight, both the policies would be merged to bring out a separate policy for the State and dedicated to the public by August 20," he told Kasturirangan, who is former ISRO Chairman.

Suresh Kumar Dr. Kasturirangan

"Though Kerala is my *Janmabhoomi* (birthplace), Karnataka is my *Karmabhoomi* (workplace), Karnataka is my State. The NEP has been formulated keeping in mind the various aspects of India's topography. I am confident that the new NEP will greatly help India achieve holistic development in the next 20 years," Kasturirangan said in response.

Kasturirangan said Karnataka's contribution in the formulation of the new NEP has been immense as several key elements that are already in place in the State have been incorporated. He also praised the State's education expert M.K. Sridhar for his contribution in formulating the NEP.

The policy was released on Wednesday a year after the Committee led by Kasturirangan had submitted the draft report of the policy to the Government.

The policy was approved by the Union Cabinet at a meeting presided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It replaces the 34-year-old National Policy on Education framed in 1986 and is aimed at paving the way for transformational reforms in schools and higher education system to make India a global knowledge superpower. Kumar said Karnataka will be at the forefront to implement the NEP systematically.

According to Suresh Kumar, the NEP is a complete policy which has been formulated after 34 years making it future-ready. Teaching up to Class 5 in mother tongue or regional language, lowering the stakes of board exams, a single regulator for higher education institutions except for law and medical colleges and common entrance tests for Universities are part of the sweeping reforms in the policy.

Teacher transfer in first week of August

Bengaluru, Aug.1- The annual teacher transfer will take place in the first week of this month.

Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S. Suresh Kumar, in a press release, said that the Government has finalised the guidelines for Government school teachers this year and the transfer will take place as per the new set of guidelines. The officials will announce the transfer schedule in a couple of days.

Pointing out that the transfer will be teacher friendly, he said that those teachers who were troubled by last year's mandatory transfer will be given first preference this time.

The transfer process will be completed by the end of August, he added.

Pramoda Devi to interact with New York Kannada Koota tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 1- Member of the erstwhile Royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar will interact

with America's New York Kannada Koota at 11 am (American local time) tomorrow (Aug. 2). Kannada Organisations in America will take part in the interaction. People of Karnataka too can participate, according to a press release.

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1. The applicant above named has made an application before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for determination of tariff of Simhadri-II (1000 MW) from 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2024.
2. The beneficiaries of the generating station are:
   i. AP Eastern Power Distribution Company Ltd. (APEPDCL) Corporate Office, P&T Colony, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam – 530013 - (AP)
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   x. Hubli Electricity Supply Company Ltd. (HESCOM) Corporate office, P.B.Road, Navanagar, Hubli – 580 025
   xi. Kerala State Electricity Board Ltd. (KSEBL) Vaidyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 004
   xii. Electricity Department, Puducherry 137, NSC Bose salai, Puducherry- 605001
3. Capacity of the generating station : 1000 MW
4. Approved capital cost of the project (as on 31.03.2019) : Rs 5410.35 Crores
5. Authority which has approved the Capital Cost : CERC
6. Scheduled date of commercial operation : Not Applicable
7. Actual date of commercial operation of station : 30.09.2012
8. Capital cost on date of Commercial operation of Station : Rs 4596.93 Cr.
9. Details of tariff:

Particulars	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined					
	2018-19*	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.Capacity Charges (Rs.Lakh/ year)	117780.63	109344.25	108245.42	107109.16	106113.31	105066.86
2.Energy Charges (Paise/ kWh)	316.587	284.5				

* As per Petition for truing-up of tariff for 2014-19 period for SIMHADRI-II filed with CERC.

10. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of NTPC, namely www.ntpc.co.in under the Tab "Notices".
11. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th Floor, Chanderlok Building, 36, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001, with a copy to the applicant within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place : New Delhi
Date : 03.02.2020

(Rohit Chhabra)
Addl. General Manager (Comml.)

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Leading the Power Sector

NEWS BRIEFS

No power supply on Aug. 2 and 4

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Aug. 2 and Aug. 4 in the following villages:

Aug . 2 from 9 am to 5 pm at Nanjangud Power Distribution Centre: Maralur, Goddanapura, Gandhigrama, Bylaru, Kallahalli Industrial Area, Tandavapura, Banchahalli, Chikkayyanachatra, Hallididdi, Yechagalli and surrounding areas.

Aug. 4 from 10 am and 5 pm at Vajamangala Power Distribution Centre: Bhugathahalli village and gate, Chikkahalli, Choranahalli, Vasanthanagar, Prakruthi Layout, JSS Layout, Police Layout 3rd Stage, Yandahalli, Lalithadripura and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

Provisional list of Constable selection published

The revised provisional list of candidates selected for 60 posts of Civil Police Constable,16 posts of Woman Police Constable and 50 posts of Armed Police Constable in Mysuru district has been published at the Office of the Superintendent of Police (SP), Mysuru, according to a press release.

Bannerghatta Park now open on Sundays

The Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) will be open for visitors on Sundays as usual. Holiday was declared on Sundays lockdown. However, the State Government has withdrawn Sunday lockdown and therefore, the park will be open for visitors on Sunday. It remains closed on Tuesday, Park Executive Director said in a press release.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	105.95 ft
Yesterday	106.26 ft
Inflow	4,580 cusecs
Outflow	4,662 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,277.31 ft
Inflow	4,480 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.89 ft
Inflow	575 cusecs
Outflow	1,530 cusecs

Duo trying to sell tiger pelt arrested; skin, car seized

Mysuru, Aug.1(MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru Forest Mobile Squad has arrested two persons and seized a tiger pelt from them yesterday.

Deputy Conservator of Forests A.T. Poovaiah, who led the team, said that they arrested Akash Rao and Vishnu, who are in their twenties, and seized the tiger pelt. Both are from Santhemala near Krishna Raja Sagar in Srirangapatna taluk in Mandya district. The duo was trying to sell the huge pelt. A Maruti Swift car that was used to carry and market the pelt has been seized.

"We had some information that two persons were trying to sell the pelt and we were tracking the two persons from the past two months. Recently, we got information that they are trying to sell the pelt near Mysuru. We went in the disguise as buyers and arrested them near Sri Chamundi Wild Animals Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Koorgalli," Poovaiah told reporters.

Officials said that they are suspecting that there are a few more people involved in the crime. They are tracing the contact details of the arrested duo. According to Poovaiah, the pelt was over 10 years old and there was all likelihood of obtaining permission from the Forest Department to convert the pelt into a stuffed animal (taxidermy).

Taxidermy has been banned now and earlier only Forest Department and Mysore Palace authorities were permitted to stuff animals. All the private parties were asked to hand over the pelts in possession to the Department. "Close examination of the pelt has revealed that it has been used in taxidermy and the back of the pelt has been sewn with leather in order to protect it. Also, traces of skin treatment to the pelt has been observed to protect it from putrefaction," Poovaiah said.

Forest authorities have registered a case under Wildlife Protection Act 1972 and other Acts. They are yet to confirm whether the arrested were acting as middlemen or were also involved in hunting the tiger. They have seized the car which was used for the crime.

The team led by DCF Poovaiah consisted of Lakshmish (incharge RFO), DRFOs Mohan, Sundar and Pramod, forest guards Satish, Channabasavaiah, Govinda, Mahantesh and Ravinandan and drivers Madhu and Puttaswamy.

KR Constituency to become COVID-19 free in a fortnight, asserts MLA

Mysuru, Aug.1(RKB&DM)- KR MLA S.A. Ramdas has asserted that his Constituency will be free of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic in a fortnight.

Speaking to presspersons after visiting COVID-19 containment zones at Kurubarahalli, Siddarthanagar and Alanahalli Layouts coming under his Constituency yesterday, Ramdas said that all Corona warriors such as doctors, ASHA workers, pourakarmikas and others are striving hard for stopping the spread of the pandemic.

Lauding the warriors for instilling confidence among the residents of the localities, Ramdas said that all the primary contacts living in containment zones are being immediately tested for the virus.

Maintaining that out of the over 4,000 positive cases in the district, KR Assembly segment has a little over 220, he said that all measures have been taken to stop further spread of the virus. Noting that the people of the Constituency have extended their co-operation, he hoped that KR Constituency will be free of COVID-19 in a fortnight.

Corporator Roopashri, Nazarbad Police Inspector G.N. Srikanth, leaders Yogesh, Vinay, Somashekar, Chinnu, Arjun and others were present.

Of 142 COVID-19 deaths in Mysuru, 127 are from city

TALUK-WISE COVID-19 DETAILS

Taluk	Positives	Discharged	Deaths	Active cases
H.D.KOTE	61	36		25
HUNSUR	81	38	1	42
K.R.NAGAR	66	32	2	32
MYSURU CITY	3,613	1,171	127	2,315
MYSURU TALUK	88	39	2	47
NANJANGUD	164	123	4	37
NANJANGUD-RURAL	11	11		
PERIYAPATNA	18	8		10
T. NARASIPUR	115	59	6	50
TOTAL	4,217	1,517	142	2,558

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (BCT)- Among the 142 COVID-19 deaths reported in Mysuru, 127 are from Mysuru city alone — within the limits of Mysuru City Corporation. Next comes T. Narasipur with 6 deaths, Nanjangud with 4, two each in Mysuru Taluk and K.R. Nagar and one death has been reported from Hunsur.

H.D. Kote, Nanjangud Rural and Periyapatna have reported zero deaths. One reason why the maximum deaths have been reported in Mysuru city is that the density of population is high. Dense areas lead to more face-to-face interaction among residents, which makes them potential hotspots for the rapid spread of a pandemic. On the other hand, dense areas may have better access to healthcare facilities and greater implementation of social distancing policies and practices.

In the current COVID-19 epidemic, larger city areas have higher infection and higher mortality rates. Data also reveals that the village density is not significantly related to the infection rate, possibly due to more adherences to social distancing guidelines.

In Mysuru city, as per the data released by the District Administration, there are 3,613 cumulative positive cases and 2,315 active cases. 1,171 have been discharged so far in Mysuru city. Next is Nanjangud Taluk with 164 positive cases and 37 active cases. 123 have been discharged so far. After Nanjangud, the third place goes to T. Narasipur with 115 cumulative positive cases. 59 of them have been discharged and there are 50 active cases.

According to the daily evening media bulletin released by Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar last evening, Mysuru yesterday reported 204 positive cases while 302 persons were cured and discharged in a single day. There are 4,217 cumulative positive cases in Mysuru and 2,558 active cases. In all, 1,517 persons have been cured and discharged so far. Five deaths were reported yesterday taking the total number of dead to 142.

Of the 2,558 active cases, 239 have been isolated in the designated COVID-19 Hospitals, 63 have been isolated in dedicated COVID healthcares, 603 in COVID Care Centres, 247 have been isolated in private hospitals, 1,332 patients have been isolated at homes, and 74 are in private COVID Care Centres.

In all, 20,318 people have been observed till date, 16,390 have completed 14-day isolation and 1,370 are in home isolation at present. 41,564 samples have been tested so far and of them, 38,378 have been tested in government facilities and 3,186 samples have been tested in private laboratories.

Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu data

In Mandya yesterday, 65 positive cases were reported taking the total number of positive cases to 1,565 with 599 active cases. 956 have been cured and discharged and so far, 10 deaths have been reported.

In Chamarajanagar, 45 COVID-19 infections were reported yesterday taking the total number to 669 with 245 active cases. 417 patients have been cured and discharged with 7 deaths.

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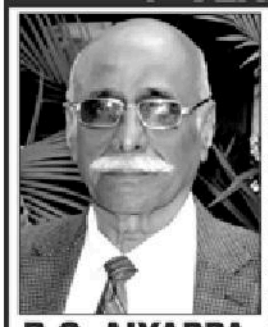

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Train's coming... Mysuru changing

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

The Union Government has chosen Mysuru-Bengaluru-Chennai as one among the seven new High Speed train routes. Once complete, the travel time between Mysuru and Bengaluru will be 45 minutes!

Unlike the Japanese "Bullet Train," these "High Speed" trains, which the Indian Railways call 'Bullet Train', can run on regular tracks, which only have to be straightened and strengthened which makes ticket cost reasonable and completion date faster. But just like how the Bullet train between Tokyo and Osaka changed these two Japanese cities, this *desi* Bullet train will change the very fabric and soul of Mysuru.

In 1964, Japan opened its first Bullet train route connecting Tokyo and Osaka. The train cut the travel time between the two cities by half. Soon it revolutionised the way Japan transacted its business and the way people lived.

The Bullet trains allowed workers to stay in Osaka, which had lower cost of housing and living, while being able to go to work in Tokyo where they could earn better. So after the High Speed train connects Mysuru-Bengaluru, people may choose to live in Mysuru and work in Bengaluru! Metro connectivity within Bengaluru only enhances this option.

Another Japanese trend might also manifest in Mysuru — Tourism. In Japan, after the Bullet trains were introduced Japanese started visiting other cities over the weekend or even for a day trip. So Mysuru tourism will also explode. Especially once we come out of COVID, people will be itching to get out, and with money being in short supply domestic tourism is going to boom. Mysuru being a renowned tourist city will profit from it.

In short, this train is going to bring more people to see Mysuru and live in Mysuru. And so it's time to prepare. It's time for serious Urban Planning. First step — re-haul MUDA.

Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) over time has simply become a "private layout approval body." It has failed miserably in its core duty of providing sites to Mysureans. Worse, the legality of its own layouts are being questioned like in the case of K.C. Layout and Siddartha Layout. MUDA needs a re-haul. It needs to have professional city planners on its panel. It needs visionary Urban infrastructure developers on its panel. Not just Government appointees.

It may also bode well for our city's future if the State Government starts planning a metro system in Mysuru right now. Of course, it does not have to be built right now, but acquire land and be prepared. This way we won't end up like Bengaluru — trying to refurbish an overcrowded house while living in it as more and more people keep pouring into it.

As more and more people start living in Mysuru, more companies will come to Mysuru. Here KIADB needs to be efficient. Unfortunately, they too like MUDA have failed. KIADB says there are no industrial sites, but drive around KIADB industrial area and one will see more vacant sites than industries.

The Bullet train may be a weapon of mass economic infusion, but shouldn't our city be dolled up to receive its infusion — infusion of population and pollution? Sanitation and traffic congestion? Water and electric overload?

Where is the plan to deal with these issues? That is why the word "development" makes many Mysureans nervous. That is why many Mysureans, at the cost of being shouted down as cynics or having an anti-development mind-set, would confess that they like Mysuru as it is — a laid back, culturally active pensioners paradise.

This Bullet train maybe good for the commerce of our city. It definitely will be good for our tourism-dependent city. It will for sure develop our city. But it just might be the bullet that kills the very soul of Mysuru.

We cannot stop change and we cannot stop this train. So it's time to prepare for a new Mysuru in the coming years. It's time for Mysureans to be active in our communities' development and be ready to be activists. Because if we don't, then our city will be turned into Bengaluru — an unlivable, grotesque, urban monstrosity.

True, development is inevitable, but chaotic development is not be acceptable.

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A monumental effort to unfurl Monumental Flag at Railway Station

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (MTY&BCT)- Over three technicians spent more than two hours to replace the thread to tie the huge Tricolour at the City Railway Station last evening. The thread was replaced as it had got struck and it was unable to unfurl the flag.

The activity was done ahead of Independence Day on Aug. 15 to prevent any glitches during the ceremonial flag hoisting. The Monumental Flag is in the in the circulating area of the City Railway Station. The 100 ft. height mast with 30 ft. x 20 ft. flag has been established by Flag Foundation of India (FFOI) as part of the renovation and beautification work undertaken at the Station months ago.

Due to weather conditions, the thread to unfurl the flag was worn out and had to be replaced as it used to get struck, obstructing the smooth unfurling. Three technicians – Senior Technician Doreswamy, Tec III M. Keshava Murthy and M.S. Kumara were lifted with the help of a crane to reach the top of the 100 ft flag mast.

First the technicians were made to stand on a bucket-like structure in such a way that the balance is not tilted. Later, the crane lifted them up and the huge flag was removed and brought down. Again the three persons were brought down to fix the tread and later they again were lifted to refit the flag. The process took more than two hours.

Once the flag was restored back in position with new threads, the staff heaved a sigh of relief. Also, the flag was closely checked for damages if any as it is perennially in the unfurled state. As per protocol, the Tricolour must not touch the ground at any point of time and enough care was taken so that the big flag did not touch the earth.

In Mysuru, only the City Railway Station and the Mysore Airport at Mandakalli have such huge flag masts and flags. The Monumental Flag is made of knitted polyester fabric called Deneir Polyester. The Chakra of the flag is printed by using specialised printing process.

MP Pratap Simha, CM's son Vijayendra and city leaders find place in new State BJP team

Pratap Simha *B.Y. Vijayendra* *M. Rajendra* *Siddaraju*

Bengaluru/Mysuru, Aug.1- In a major organisational exercise, BJP State President Nalin Kumar Kateel on Friday appointed new office-bearers who included Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa's younger son B.Y. Vijayendra as one among the party's 10 Vice-Presidents.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, Hotelier and BJP leader from Mysuru M.Rajendra, Udupi-Chikkamagalur MP Shobha Karandlaje and MLA and former Minister Aravind Limbavali are among the other Vice-Presidents.

Former MLC from Mysuru Siddaraju has been appointed as one of the State General Secretaries.

Mysuru City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, welcoming the appointment of the leaders from Mysuru and as well as Shobha Karandlaje and B.Y. Vijayendra, who have special interest in developing Mysuru, said that Mysuru has got three top posts in the party's organisational set up. Maintaining that their appointment will boost the party's organisation in the city and district, he thanked the State BJP Chief Kateel for making the appointments.

Six city students in Smart India Hackathon

Umme Sufiya *Afreen Khanum* *Priya M Dolli* *Samia Shoukath* *Sharath* *Yeshwanth*

(Continued from page 1)

The team is building an information management system (software) for NGOs and IMOs (intermediary organisations) so that there will be secured financial support for women in need from the Government. Other aims of the team is to build an exceptional information Management System and effective communication and monitoring system where authorities in New Delhi will have a visibility of how women are being benefitted in the grassroots level.

The team is building a software product called 'Rashtriya Mahila Seva Kendra' where loans are given to women by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The software enables close monitoring of how the money is being channelled and utilised by women. It has a reporting and communication mechanism so that the funds reach the actual beneficiary. Fund usage and benefits garnered by the women is also monitored and reported to the higher echelons of the Government, Umme Sufiya told *Star of Mysore*. Assistant Professors H.S. Harsha Kumar and R. Roopa are team mentors.

The Grand Finale of the software edition this year is being organised online by connecting all the participants throughout the nation together over a specially-built advanced platform. More than 10,000 students will be competing to solve 243 problem statements from 37 Central Government departments, 17 State Governments and 20 industries.

"Young India is filled with talent! The grand finale of the Smart India Hackathon 2020 showcases this very spirit of innovation and excellence. On 1st August at 4:30 pm, looking forward to interacting with the finalists of the Hackathon and knowing more about their works," the PM tweeted ahead of his interaction.

"The Smart India Hackathon has emerged as a vibrant forum to ideate and innovate. Naturally, this time our youth would be focusing on the post-COVID world in their innovations, along with ways to create an Aatma Nirbhar Bharat," the PM wrote on Twitter

Hackathon 2017 saw participation of 42,000 students which increased to 1 lakh in 2018 and to 2 lakh in 2019. The first round of Smart India Hackathon 2020 saw participation of more than 4.5 lakh students.

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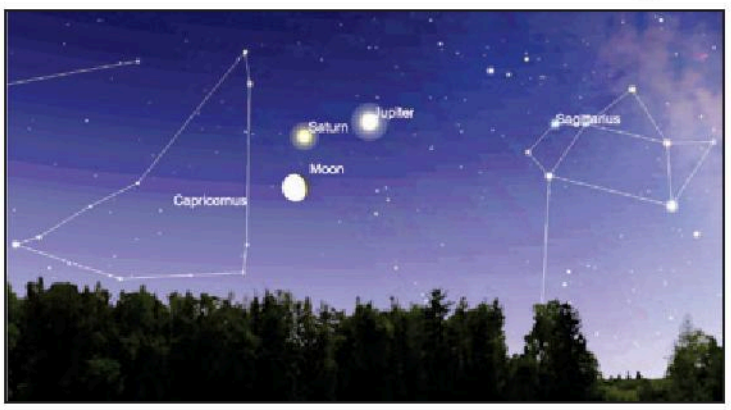
Jupiter and Saturn
to dance with Moon tonight



By Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna, Amateur Astronomer & Convener, Mysore Astronomical Society

On August 1 and 2, we are privileged to see the closeness of three celestial objects namely Moon, Jupiter and Saturn. Tonight in South-Eastern direction, one can clearly witness these objects with ease, provided the sky should be absolutely clear.

Moon, Jupiter and Saturn can be seen tonight in between two constellations 'Sagittarius' and 'Capricornus' anytime after 7 pm. These celestial objects will be close to each other and will be the best time for astrophotography.

Jupiter is the second brightest planet after Venus. A few weeks before and after the opposition in July 2020, Jupiter will be very bright, reaching a visual magnitude of about -2.5 to -2.6. This will be an excellent opportunity to observe Jupiter, its Great Red Spot and Jupiter's four largest satellites namely Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. These satellites of Jupiter can be seen in a binocular also.

In July, Jupiter came closer to our beloved mother planet Earth and for the entire year, Jupiter blazes most brightly in our sky, outshining the night's brightest stars by leaps and bounds. Jupiter not only beams at its brilliant best for the year, but stays out all night long!

From Mysuru, Jupiter will be perceptible between 7 pm and 6 am next day. It reaches the pinnacle in the sky at around midnight. Jupiter can be seen in the vicinity of the constellations 'Capricornus' and 'Sagittarius'. Generally, Jupiter reaches opposition about every 13 months and the distance between Jupiter and Earth in August will be around 642 million kilometres.

Analogously, on July 20, Saturn had rendezvous with Earth and was recommended as the right time to witness this gorgeous ringed planet. 'Saturn' is the sixth planet from the Sun and the outermost planet is perfectly noticeable with the unaided eye. The imperative physical distinctiveness like magnitude, composition, internal configuration, and atmosphere advocate an overall similitude to Saturn. Saturn's rings are well-known and were explored in great detail by the Voyager and Cassini missions. Saturn's rings has unmitigated, disc-like, effortlessly conspicuous with even a small telescope, which envelops Saturn. Saturn reached "opposition" on July 20, 2020 and so it will have the best visibility in July and August. The specialty of this astronomical happening is that, the planet Saturn becomes more beautiful, also the best time to witness the planet. Throughout the night Saturn is discernible and more resplendent.

From Mysuru, Saturn will be perceptible between 7.30 pm and 6 am. It reaches the highest point in the sky at around midnight local time. Saturn can be seen in the vicinity of the constellations 'Capricornus' and 'Sagittarius'. Saturn appears cream-white in colour and is among the brightest star-like objects in our sky this winter. Saturn in 2020 rises earlier and continues to creep higher above the South-Eastern horizon earlier each night. Saturn was visible in the South-East by 7 pm in early July. Jupiter and Saturn have planned to dominate this year captivatingly!

Enjoy watching these dominating planets in August. More precisely, the Moon will swing 1.5 degrees South of Jupiter on August 1 and then 2.3 degrees South of Saturn on August 2. Telescopes for planet watching need sturdy mountings and high-quality optics. One can see to Jupiter and Saturn through telescope easily and none can reveal the glory of it. Most observers use powers of 200x or less, due to unsettled seeing. Also useful are coloured filters, which accentuate specific features on planets. So, do not forget to witness the dancing of Jupiter and Saturn with the Moon tonight.

One-week FDP on Sustainable Development in Civil Engineering

Mysuru, Aug. 1 - The Department of Civil Engineering at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) is organising a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) entitled *"Sustainable Development in Civil Engineering"* from Aug. 3 to 8.

The FDP has been planned in six important fields of Civil Engineering and the resource persons have been chosen from the premier institutions in the country and abroad as well.

This FDP will help the faculty members to redefine their horizons in recent advancements in Civil Engineering which require sustainable infrastructure construction. It will also enhance better teaching ability with respect to sustainable development in Civil Engineering.

Aug. 3: Topic - Sustainable Green City using Geoinformatics; Speaker - Dr. Nitin Kumar Tripathi, Professor, School of Engineering and Technology, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand.

Aug. 4: Topic - Recycling Techniques for Sustainable Pavements; Speaker - Dr. A. Veeraragavan, Professor of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, Chennai.

Aug. 5: Topic - Energy Geostructures and Sustainable Geotechnical Engineering Practice; Speaker - Dr. G. R. Dodagoudar, Professor of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, Chennai.

Aug. 6: Topic - Understanding Sustainability - Adopt, Assess & Mitigate; Speaker - Dr. Ajit Sabnis, Principal Consultant, ASP-SDI Sustainability Assessment Consultancy Firm, Bengaluru.

Aug. 7: Topic - Urban Noise Pollution - Sources, Impacts, Measurements & Control; Speaker - Dr. Harish Puleria, Assistant Professor in Climate Studies, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, Mumbai.

Aug. 8: Topic - Energy Efficiency and Green Building; Speaker - Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan, Director, CBRI, Roorkee Uttrakhand.

The present pandemic situation has taught one important lesson that knowledge-building can also be done effectively through online mode. Keeping this in mind, the present FDP is proposed in webinar mode and will be conducted between 11 am and 12.30 pm on all the days.

Gundappa Gowda, President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS), P. Viswanath, Secretary, VVS, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, Dr. H.S. Dayananda, Dean (AA), VVCE, Dr. S. K. Prasad, HoD, Civil Engineering, Prof. Nitin Tripathi, Professor, School of Engineering and Technology, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, will be the chief guests at the inaugural function on Aug. 3 at 11 am.

For details contact Coordinators Dr. P.K. Umesha (Mob: 94455-45842) and Dr. B. S. Shipa (Mob: 87622-04859). The webinar is open for academicians and general public. Link for registration: *https://bit.ly/2Bp3wAT*, according to a press release.

Swayam Shiksha during COVID...
Taking Schools to children's homes

Mysuru, Aug.1- The entire world is facing an unprecedented crisis due to COVID-19. In spite of continuous lockdowns, it is proving to be a herculean task to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus. During these testing times, Purna Chetana Public School (PCPS) at Rayanakere in Mysuru, has conducted many innovative programmes like Buddhimaan-2020, e-Pariksha and Prayoga Shala.

When every School was thinking of online education during the pandemic, PCPS came out with a unique offline self-learning programme called **Swayam Shiksha,** which is designed keeping children's well-being as priority. This School does not believe in online teaching because it involves usage of electronic gadgets like computers, laptops, smart phones and Ipads. It has been scientifically proven that continuous exposure to small screens will result in damage to eyes and brain.

Here is how Swayam Shiksha works: PCPS Team will produce self-learning, creative and innovative contents referring to their respective class text books. They will send out the work sheets as well along with this. A child should refer to respective text book chapters, contents provided by PCPS and attempt the work sheets provided. In this process the child will be able to self-learn concepts which are relevant and required. The work sheets are created in such a way that only those who refer to text books can attend this.

Self-learning study materials will be personally handed over to the student's place of residence every 15 days once. Team of teachers will visit along with the materials and doubts will be cleared over the call anytime.

PCPS has around 400 students covering almost all the residential areas in Mysuru and nearby villages. It takes 3 days for the School to distribute worksheets. While doing this, the Team takes utmost care and necessary precautions required.

As for children who hail from rural areas, where more than 10 -15 kids come from the same village, PCPS Team asks them to assemble in one place with all necessary precautions. Teachers will teach and clarify all their doubts in about an hour's time and make sure they do daily prayers which they do in School and kind of re-create School atmosphere for some time.

Parents and students have appreciated this programme and sent feedbacks too. For more information about the programme, contact Darshan Raj on Mob: 99010-10990 or Maadhurya Ramaswamy on Mob: 73972-38321.

Channarayapatna City Police Station SI commits suicide

PSI Kiran Kumar

Kiran Kumar was upset after two murder cases were reported in the last 24 hours in his jurisdictional limits

Hassan, Aug. 1- In a tragic incident that occurred at Channarayapatna of Hassan district, a Police Sub-Inspector hanged himself after arresting the murder accused in the midst of intense political pressure and public criticism.

Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) Kiran Kumar (34) is the person who killed himself. He was working as SI in the Channarayapatna City Police Station. He committed suicide in his duty uniform at his residential quarters. The exact reason for this extreme step by the PSI is not known.

Two murders took place in Channarayapatna in the past two days. Kiran, who had arrested the alleged murderers, had also conducted spot inspection. His wife and children had been to her parents' house for Varamahalakshmi festival. Kiran Kumar had been to his in-laws place for breakfast and returned to his quarters later.

Sources said Kiran Kumar was upset after two murder cases were reported in the last 24 hours in his jurisdictional limits. Kiran reportedly told colleagues an hour before the extreme step that he feared he would be suspended. Also, there was increased criticism in the social media about the murders where people were critical of the Police.

According to locals, the SI was upset after news of the two murders due to alleged negligence of the Police spread on social media. He killed himself before a visit by senior officials. IGP, Southern Range and Superintendent of Police (SP) Srinivasagowda were planning to visit the town and the spots where the murders took place on Friday.

ASP Nandini and DySP have visited the residential quarters of PSI Kiran and are investigating further.

Kiran, a native of Lalanakere village in Arsikere taluk, was known for his rapport with local people. IGP Southern Range Vipul Kumar has said that no one should indulge in politics over the SI's suicide. "We the Police are like one family. Kiran Kumar was a sincere Police officer and there is no connection between him and the two murders. The entire Police force is functioning under tremendous pressure and people must desist from spreading rumours and unfounded theories," he appealed.

Swabhimani Award for Government Schools

Bengaluru, Aug. 1- The Department of Primary and Secondary Education is giving away Swabhimani Award to the Government Schools which achieve excellence in administration and academics.

This award will be given from the current academic year itself considering the achievements of the schools. Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar announced this during a meeting with School Development and Monitoring Committees (SDMC) here on Wednesday. The award will be given considering the coordination of teachers and SDMC members in the development of schools, the involvement of public, basic infrastructure available, educational progress, academic and other achievements.

Former VCs lambast Govt. over Search Panel Selection

Bengaluru, Aug. 1- The Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka (FVCK) has alleged that the State Government was not following regulations while appointing members to Search Committees for Selection of Vice-Chancellors to State-run Universities.

In a statement released to media, the Forum stated that while nominating members to Vice-Chancellors Selection Committees (Search Committee) the State Government was nominating persons who are less qualified than the candidates applied for the post.

The Forum has urged the Government to consider and follow norms and regulations while appointing members to Search Committees and also during selecting Vice-Chancellors to Universities, as the recent selections and nominations and appointments by the Government are criticised by public.

MLA demands restoration of Facility Quarantine for COVID-19

Mysuru, Aug.1(MTY&DM)- Stating that the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to spike further in August, Congress MLA from Varuna Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah has urged the Government to re-introduce Institutional Quarantine and to set up COVID Care Centres (CCCs) at all Taluk and Hobli levels in the district.

Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station here yesterday, Dr.Yathindra accused the State and Central Governments of failing to contain the spread of the virus in the early stages when the number of COVID-19 positive cases was low.

Highlighting the lapses of the Government in stopping the spread of the deadly pandemic, he alleged that the Government had ignored the useful suggestions of Congress Legislators.

Expressing concern over rising number of Corona positive cases, he said that August may witness further spread of the virus and as such, the Government should establish CCCs at the Taluk and Hobli levels and also sanction funds for maintaining them.

Referring to his Constituency, Dr. Yathindra claimed that there are lapses in the acquisition of land for a housing project at Tandavapura and Adakanahalli villages. He wanted the Government to stop the land acquisition process until all issues are sorted out.

MLC R. Dharmasena said that the Congress party had extended full support to the Government in the battle against the deadly Novel Coronavirus. But the Government has indulged in corruption and has looted hundreds of crores of rupees in the purchase of medical equipment and kits, which has turned out into a big scam, he added.

Accusing the Government of withholding even payment of alimony for divorced women under the pretext of COVID-19, he said that the Government has utterly failed in protecting the interests of the people. He also said that now as the lockdown has been relaxed, the Government must make preparations for the conduct of Gram Panchayat polls.

MLA H.P. Manjunath, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar and others were present at the press meet.

Board for unorganised workers on the anvil

Vijayapura, Aug.1- The State Government is planning to set up a Board for unorganised workers on the lines of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Labour Minister Shivaram Hebbar said that a bill would be tabled in the next Assembly session for constituting a board for unorganised workers.

He was speaking at a meeting of the Labour Department and representatives of Labour Unions here on Friday.

The Minister said that factories should survive the COVID pandemic and the jobs of labourers too need to be protected.

He emphasised on the need for cordial relationship between the management and labourers in this regard.

He directed the officers of the Labour Department to ensure that the Labour card issued by the Government is renewed every three years.

Obituary

Lakshmamma

Mysuru, Aug. 1- Lakshmamma

(81), wife of late Kempegowda and a resident of Gokulam 3rd Stage, passed away last night at a private hospital in city.

She leaves behind three sons including former Dy. Mayor K. Sureshbabu, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed this evening in city, according to family sources.

Abdul Samad Khan

Abdul Samad Khan (67), a

resident of N.R. Mohalla passed away yesterday at 2.30 pm after a brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, son and daughter and host of relatives and friends.

Namaz e Janaza was offered and followed by burial at old Khabarasthan, opposite Tipu Circle yesterday evening, according to family sources.

Alhaj Syed Ahmed Atheeq

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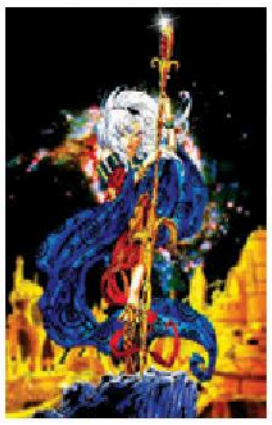
Saheb (52), Businessman and a resident of Azeez Sait Double Road, Shanthinagar, passed away on Thursday morning due to cardiac arrest.

He leaves behind his mother, wife, three daughters, one son, brothers, sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz e Janaza was held on July 30 afternoon. Funeral took place at Muslim burial ground, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Jink



Pronunciation: JINK.
Meaning: To move quickly or unexpectedly with sudden turns and shifts (as in dodging).
Origin: Besides the fact that jink first appears in Scottish English, the exact origins of this shifty little word are unknown. What can be said with certainty is that the word has always expressed a quick or unexpected motion. For instance, in two poems from 1785, Robert Burns uses jink as a verb to indicate both the quick motion of a fiddler's elbow and the sudden disappearance of a cheat around a corner. In the 20th century, the verb caught on with air force pilots and rugby players, who began using it to describe their elusive maneuvers to dodge opponents and enemies. Jink can also be used as a noun meaning "a quick evasive turn" or, in its plural form, "pranks." The latter use was likely influenced by the term high jinks, which originally referred in the late 17th century to a Scottish drinking game and later came to refer to horseplay.
Example: "Two fighters immediately launched missiles, and the American aircraft jinked up, then down to lose them." — Tom Clancy

THE ODD WORD

Jacent

Lying flat; sluggish.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Jack tar

Meaning: 'Jack tar' is a generic name for a seaman of the British Royal Navy. 'Jack tar' is a generic name for a seaman of the British Royal Navy.
The term was most commonly used during the period of predominance of the British Empire, when 'Britannia ruled the waves'. It was usually applied to sailors below the rank of officer.
Origin: The name Jack tar began being used for British sailors around the turn of the 18th century. The earliest that I can find it in print is from The Female Tatler, a short-lived magazine which ran from 1709 to 1710. The August 1709 issue described a motley crew of people as:
...his Grace and my Lady Dutchess, Jack Tar, and Mrs. Top-gallant-Sail, with every Coffee-Man, and his Wife.
The derivation of 'Jack tar' seems fairly straightforward. Firstly, let's look at 'Jack'. In England, since the 14th century, 'Jack' has been a synonym for 'the common man', as is 'Jock' in Scotland. An early example is found in John Gower's Middle English poem Confessio Amantis, 1390:
Therwhile he hath his fulle packe,
They seie, 'A good felawe is Jacke'.

QUOTE BOX

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. **— Helen Keller**

RIDDLE THIS

What invention lets you look right through a wall?

Answer: A window.

SUDOKU

			6		4			1
				3			5	
7		4		5				
1			7				6	8
			3		6			
3	8				2			7
				1		7		2
	3			7				
8			5		9			

Answer to previous puzzle

9	5	2	7	3	4	8	1	6
1	3	4	5	6	8	9	7	2
7	8	6	1	2	9	3	4	5
4	9	1	8	7	2	6	5	3
6	2	8	4	5	3	1	9	7
5	7	3	9	1	6	2	8	4
2	4	7	6	9	1	5	3	8
8	6	9	3	4	5	7	2	1
3	1	5	2	8	7	4	6	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

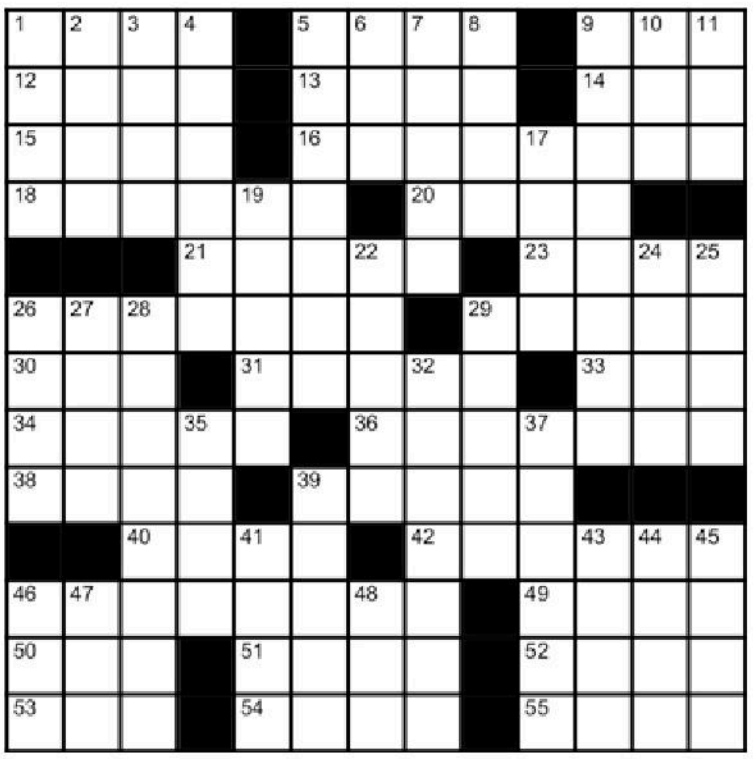
1 Ground wheat used for making chapatis
5 American National Standards Inst.
9 American medical association, in short
12 Place; stead
13 France
14 Biblical pronoun
15 Change of Govt. : coup d'____
16 At your full height, should we say? (2,3-3)
18 Pillar or support
20 ___ avis : the rare mythical bird?
21 Indian wheaten flour
23 Got a perfect score?
26 Person or thing just not specified (2-3-2)
29 The joint between the foot and the leg
30 Uneven
31 Lawful
33 Eur. Space Agcy
34 Shrill tone
36 Digress, diverge or veer
38 Mystery writer ___ Stanley Gardner
39 Hebridean island
40 Pertaining to wings
42 Rao or Arora of Bollywood
46 Assayed, attempted or experimented with (5,3)
49 Make ___ for : move so as to create space for?
50 In addition
51 "To be" in Paris?
52 Responsibility
53 Sugar suffix?
54 A small wooden building
55 Battles or armed conflicts

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	L	E	C		C	H	A	T		A	W	N
P	O	O	R		H	I	G	H		L	A	Y
N	O	N	U		I	D	E	E	F	I	X	E
A	T	S	E	A			D	R	A	G		
			L	A	O	S		E	T	H	I	C
E	P	I	T	A	P	H	S			T	O	O
B	A	B	Y		T	E	E		P	E	T	S
O	L	E		S	A	T	U	R	D	A	Y	
N	E	R	V	E		F	A	Z	E			
		I	L	L	S			I	F	N	O	T
D	R	A	F	T	I	N	G		E	I	N	E
A	I	N		O	N	C	E		C	P	A	S
B	P	S		N	E	O	N		T	A	N	S

DOWN

1 Ex-English wicket keeper Stewart
2 Former Yugoslav leader
3 A type of duck - "late" anagram?
4 Fall
5 Suffer greatly
6 "Ann" in another form, but still a girl?
7 A discourse of the Buddha
8 Hip bones?
9 Raided or started fighting?
10 Electrical conductance unit
11 Affirmative vote
17 Much respected Bollywood villain
19 With uncontrolled excitement or emotion
22 Set of beliefs which are to be accepted without questions
24 Otherwise
25 Expensive
26 A tender spot
27 European river
28 South Australian capital
29 Frighten, disturb
32 Charged with gas
35 Editor's excision
37 Cramped or constricted
39 Hearty soup
41 Synthetic fruit drinks
43 Scottish island
44 ___ de France : famous multi-stage cycle race?
45 Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Serv.
46 Chinese principle
47 Hosp. employees
48 Suffix with "eras" or "past"



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WRK'E XRVVF CP FRD'VM I YBMOERQIKCIT, FRD

TIK IBXIFJ EIYM JRQMEZCKH PRV CE.

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Thomas Jefferson once said, 'We should never judge a president by his age, only by his works.' And ever since he told me that, I stopped worrying - Ronald Reagan

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Stinking Sayyaji Rao Road Cross

The Sayyaji Rao Road, which has been developed as 'Raja Marga' since years, has remained only a namesake 'Royal Route' as the sewage problem on this stretch is a everyday affair. A shopkeeper on this stretch blamed a sweet stall dumping wastes into the drain is clogging the drain resulting in the sewage water overflowing from it. Many visit Raghulal & Co. Pharmacy on Sayyaji Rao Cross Road and it is very difficult to pass this stinking stretch, says a reader who has sent this photo.

Garbage at Sunnadakeri 1st Cross needs to be cleared

Garbage dumped on the 1st Cross at Sunnadakeri is not cleared causing a lot of problems to the residents. Also, cattle are consuming the wastes which may cause health hazard to them. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Garbage dumping continues at Vijayanagar 'E' Block despite warnings by MUDA

Will the public be more responsible?

Mysuru, Aug. 1 (KS)- Garbage dumping is continuing on the roadside at 'E' Block in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage despite a warning board put up by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) asking the public to refrain from doing so failing which they (public) would be penalised.

An aggrieved resident of 'E' Block, next to Lakshmi Supermarket, who has sent the photos to *SOM*, has stated that earlier people used to dump their household garbage near the tree on the roadside, which is still being continued. Though the area has developed now and many houses constructed, people have not stopped dumping garbage which is causing a lot of inconvenience to the residents residing in the surroundings, who are forced to inhale the stench emanating from it.

The resident has further stated that when a complaint is lodged to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), the MCC staff promptly comes and clears the garbage and after they leave, garbage is again being dumped at the same spot. Many residents were not utilising the services of the MCC staff when they go from door-to-door to collect garbage and then dump the household waste at the same place, the resident alleged and added that even after requesting personally, the people still dump the garbage.

It is time that the public be more responsible and help keep the locality clean, which also prevents the outbreak of diseases.

Mayor, Corporators inspect Rayanakere Sewage Treatment Plant

Mayor Tasneem visited Sewage Treatment Plant in Rayanakere recently. She was accompanied by MCC Opposition leader M.U. Subbaiah, MCC Finance Committee Chairman Nirmala Harish, Corporators SBM Manju, B.V. Manjunath, Shanthakumari, Samiulla, Executive Engineer Srinivas and others. Mysuru city has three Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) to treat Municipal waste water for a total design capacity of 157.5 MLD and receiving sewage from 4 Zones of the city. All the STP's design comprises Facultative Aerobic Lagoon (FAL) and Maturation Pond. They were commissioned in 2000 and taken up under KUIDP - ADB assistance. STP -A&D is located in Rayanakere, H.D. Kote road with a capacity of 60 MLD. The STP- B is located in Vidyaranyapuram with a capacity of 67.5 MLD and the STP - C in Kesare village with a capacity of 30 MLD.

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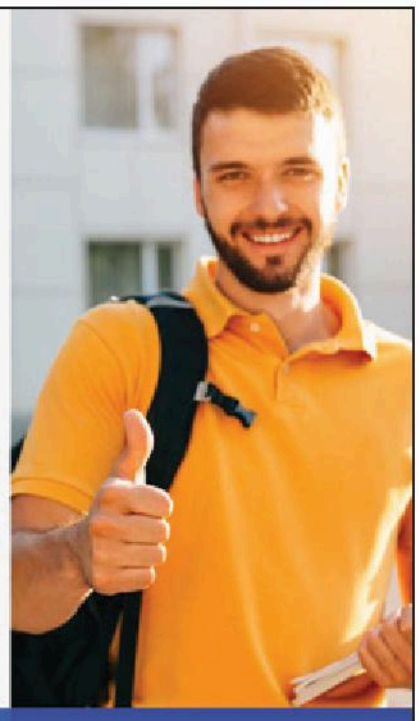

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